



Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio EPA Materials Management Advisory Council

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Ohio Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC) was established in 2015 through Ohio House Bill 64. House Bill 64 combined two previous advisory councils - the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council and the Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Advisory Council. The primary purpose of MMAC is to provide advice and guidance to the Director of Ohio EPA on solid waste issues, including updates to Ohio's state solid waste management plan and Ohio EPA's recycling and litter prevention grant programs. MMAC is also tasked with facilitating partnerships that expand markets for recycled commodities.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.49(F) specifies that MMAC shall do the following:

Advise and assist the director with preparation of the state solid waste management plan and periodic revisions to the plan under section 3734.50 of the Revised Code;

Approve or disapprove the draft state solid waste management plan and periodic revisions prior to adoption of the plan under section 3734.50 of the Revised Code;

Annually review implementation of the state solid waste management plan;

Prepare and submit an annual report to the general assembly on the state's solid waste management system and efforts towards achieving the goals, restrictions, and objectives established under divisions (A) to (C) of section 3734.50 of the Revised Code. The report may recommend legislative action.

Triennially advise the director in conducting a review of the progress made toward achieving the objectives, restrictions, and goals established under divisions (A) to (C) of section 3734.50 of the Revised Code;

With the approval of the director, establish criteria by which to certify, and recertify, agencies of the state and political subdivisions for receipt of grants for activities or projects that are intended to accomplish the purposes of any of the programs established under section 3736.02 or 3736.05 of the Revised Code;

Advise the director on establishing and implementing statewide source reduction, recycling, recycling market development, and litter prevention programs;

Research and respond to questions posed to the advisory council by the director;

Establish and develop formal and informal partnerships with other entities that foster a productive marketplace for the collection and use of recycled materials.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

MMAC is comprised of thirteen members appointed by the Governor to serve three year terms. The composition of the council is designed to include key stakeholders in Ohio's comprehensive solid waste management system. There are seven members that represent the public interests and six that represent private interests.

MMAC is required to meet twice a year but can meet more often if the group agrees to. Currently, MMAC is meeting every other month, six times a year, and has been since the council began meeting.

Ohio EPA staff coordinate MMAC's meetings which involves developing the agenda and identifying speakers, scheduling meeting locations, and communicating with MMAC representatives. Ohio EPA staff also perform administrative duties for MMAC, such as: recording and distributing meeting minutes; tracking appointment terms and coordinating reappointments with Boards and Commissions; preparing draft versions of documents for MMAC's approval, such as the required annual report to the legislature and chapters of the state solid waste management plan; and researching issues of interest.

How many and which Ohio EPA staff are involved depends upon what is involved. One staff member is responsible for coordinating meetings and most of the administrative tasks. A second Ohio EPA staff member records meeting minutes. Ohio's chief legal officer coordinates member appointments with Boards and Commissions. Multiple staff members attend MMAC meetings.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

MMAC does not have a budget or a source of funding. MMAC members have not been compensated for their time or reimbursed for expenses although the statute does allow members to be compensated for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred as a result of performing duties as members.

Ohio EPA staff are paid through their regular salaries which is funded through Ohio's solid waste disposal fee.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

MMAC consists of 13 members. Six members represent private industry and seven represent public interests. The law requires that the council have a member that represents each of the following

Solid Waste Management Districts

Health Districts

Counties

Municipal Corporations

Townships

Statewide environmental advocacy groups

The general public.

For the members that represent private industry, the law specifies that those members must have "...knowledge of or experience in waste management, recycling, or litter prevention programs." and that "...Those members also shall represent a broad range of interests, including manufacturing, wholesale, retail, labor, raw materials, commercial recycling, and solid waste management.

Additional notes

The current members of MMAC are very engaged in many aspects of solid waste management in Ohio. Ohio EPA was never able to engage the members appointed to the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (the predecessor to MMAC) to the extent it is able to engage MMAC. Members voluntarily decided to meet more often than required by law, are responsive to requests for assistance, have provided valuable input into Ohio's recycling and reduction goals, participate in discussions during meetings, and are providing direction and recommendations for updating the state solid waste management plan. Currently, five members are participating on a subcommittee to assist Ohio EPA develop a market development strategy. The strategy will direct Ohio EPA's future efforts to build recycling markets in the state, and Ohio EPA will include that strategy in the updated state solid waste management plan. Without MMAC, Ohio EPA would not have ready access to the expertise that the council's representatives can provide. That expertise is invaluable to the Agency's ability to prepare a timely and relevant state solid waste management plan.